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Belarus to Offer Grain Tender 2004

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Report Highlights:

The Government of Belarus is currently accepting applications for a tender of 300,000 MT of wheat, fodder grain, and corn. Given tighter supplies in Russia, other exporters should be more competitive in the tender process, which will close on February 20.

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The Belarussian Agriculture Ministry's Bread Products Department announced that it is accepting tender applications for 100,000 metric tons (MT) of third class milling wheat and 200,000 MT of fodder grain. The fodder grain was specified as 110,000 MT of wheat and 90,000 MT of corn. According to a Ministry spokesman speaking to Prime-TASS, applications will be accepted until February 20 and both Belarus residents and non-residents are allowed to take part in the tender.

Belarus requires 200,000 MT of third class milling wheat for the baking industry before the 2004 harvest, though baking companies have already purchased about a half of the required wheat. The fodder grain is to be used to prepare mixed feed for young stock.

Russia traditionally supplies Belarus with grain when supplies are tight in Belarus. However, a poor harvest in Russia and tight grain stocks will diminish Russian exporter's ability to fulfill the tender. This will provide other exporters with greater opportunities to successfully compete for the Belarussian grain purchases.